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It's a Long Way

Down to the

Soup Line



By
JOE HILL



This parody was written in Salt Lake County Jail by Joe Hill, author of "Mr. Block," "Scissor Bill" "The White Slave and other I. W. W. compositions.

Joe Hill has incurred the displeasure of the capitalists of this country and they have therefore framed up a charge of murder and had him sentenced to death.

This parody was presented to the I. W. W. Locals of San Francisco and surroundings to be used in the interest of Industrial Union agitation, but it was concluded to place it on the market at 5c. The proceeds to go to the Joe Hill Defense Fund.

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It's a Long, Long Way Down To the Soupline

By J. H. Air "Tipperary"

Bill Brown came a thousand miles to work on Frisco Fair,
All the papers said a million men were wanted there;
Bill Brown hung around and asked for work three times a
day.

'Til finally he went busted flat, then he did sadly say,

CHORUS

It's a long way down to the soupline
It's a long way to go.
It's a long way down to the soupline
And the soup is weak I know.
Good-bye, good old pork chops
Fare-well beefsteak rare.
It's a long, long way down to the soupline

But my soup is there.

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Bill Brown saw a big fine house, he knocked upon the door.

But they told him that they only helped the "worthy poor."
"Guess I'll have to live on sunshine in the Golden West."

Said Billy Brown, and then he joined the chorus with the rest.

CHORUS

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There's a whisper round the town among "the men of means"
That they would be glad to give the Fair to New Orleans.
And when all is over many sharks with faces long
Will line up at the Ferry and then sadly hum this song,

CHORUS

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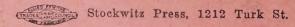
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